

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 due to the new year 2001 meeting format.

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.

Treasurers report for 12/15/2000. Total liquid assets \$3100.69. For 1/15/ 2001, \$3,476.65. VEC fund \$1,377.64.

The microphone was passed for all present to I.D.

Presidents report. The Christmas party was fun and we even made \$23 this year. Warren, K9IZV reports that we had 36 people at the party. Les, KB9QZQ, manned our table this year at the West Allis Swapfest. MRAC will be at AES Superfest again this year.

MRAC will also have Tech classes again in March this year and a General class at the end of April through May. Dave is still looking for additional volunteer teachers. Dick, WB9PTC, needs help with his over the air CW classes.

Our President has sent a letter to our new ARRL Central Division director. We will see if we finally get a response.

Remember, we will only get a news letter every 6 weeks this year. The computer version will also be available. Also check-out the club web site once and awhile. WWW.QSL.NET.MRAC

The February meeting will be a group discussion meeting. Talks about what interest the members most, over the air etc:

Notice to all members: All test from our VE group will cost \$8.00 this year. The ARRL is charging \$10.00. Thanks to John and Tom for being our VEC's.

All members!!!! Remember that your dues are now due! If not paid by the end of Feb., you won't appear in the club roster for this year.

Auction! Dave, our President did his usual best to have a fun auction to sell an antenna donated by Jerry, WA9CGE, he also auctioned a clock and a antenna book.

Tommy Gettelman, W9IZO, has 20 years of QST magazines he would like to give away. Free!

Business meeting adjourned at 8:00. Warren, K9IZV, reports 44 members in attendance.

The program was on the clubs repeater. Dave presented pictures of the installation and some details on it's operation and testing results.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:08.

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.

Treasurers report - We have not received the clubs bank statement at of yet. There is no report. 82 members have paid their dues. The others will not receive the next Chatter until they pay.

The mic was passed for all to I.D.

Dave, our President, reports he has added an extra blank on the sign in sheet asking all members if they are interested in helping on any of the committee's to run the club.

The club will make arrangements with an engraving company to have special badges made with the club logo on them. Each person can then order their own badge if they chose to have one.

The club will not be asking for a cut on the special badges.

Remember that your dues are due. Anyone not paid as of now will not receive their Chatter or a club ID card or a copy of the clubs history book. Much effort has been put into this history book which includes World events as well as MRAC events year by year. All copies will be in black and white. However, a color copy is available electronically.

Classes are starting soon. March 10th. at AES. See Ken, KS4NX, if you would like to volunteer. Class space will be provided again this year for free by AES.

Also don't forget that the AES Superfest is April 6 and 7.

Dave has contacted the new ARRL Central Division director located in St. Charles, Ill. He did respond back via E-Mail within two hours. He seems to be much more active than the previous director. We will see. Pancho will put his response into the Chatter if space permits.

Repeater - All the cavities have been readjusted. This spring, antenna experiments will take place to see if the coverage to the south can be improved. At present, four cavities are in use along with the intermod filter and two antenna's.

Nick, KA9LUW, thanked all the members for the get well card after he had a stroke. Said it really boosted his spirits.

Jerry, WA9CGE, donated another J-Pole antenna to the club for Dave to auction off at the meeting. As usual Dave's auction methods are very entertaining.

Remember that the May meeting is the clubs yearly auction night. The whole meeting will be for the auction. A short business meeting will be held for the elections only. Nominations for re-election of existing directors and new directors will be held at the April meeting.

The program for the evening was on contesting and operating practices.
The business meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Brian, K9LCQ, our Field Day coordinator this year is looking for volunteers to help him with the food and other details to prepare for Field Day. He would like to see if we can increase our score this year by making more contacts. Also beware that Field Day is the official club picnic day. Bring your family out to Pioneer Village to see the site and have lunch on Saturday. Field Day officially starts at 1:00.

Special thanks to Fred Linn, W9NZF, for organizing the use of the Depot site for another year.

Vern, W9RYA, has offered to find the club Christmas party site again this year. He is looking at the Machine Shed on I-94 west and Hwy. J. They have a place that can hold 70 people. The members voted to authorize Vern to go ahead and make the arrangements. Dave, our president, would like a committee to take care of the details for the party instead of having the board do it. Any volunteers????

Dick, WB9PTC, still needs help or a replacement for CW classes over the air. Someday he may not be able to do it any more. The classes are held over the club's repeater on Wed. nights at 7:30. Listen in and see how it goes.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

March Club Meeting

3/29/2001

Previous Meeting Minutes were read and approved as written.

Treasurer was absent, so no report.

The mic was passed for all to ID.

Report from Dave, WB9BWP, our President -- Anyone who has not paid their dues, it is now past due.

The club history book is now complete. Try to pick yours up from John Merkil, WB9PSE, it will help the club save money on postage. Superfest at AES is April 6&7, look for the club table and help out if you can.

Our Tech class is almost complete. Ken, KS4NX, says it's going very well. The General class starts April 21st.

The AES superfest flier has the wrong VE testing fee on it. John, KF9XL, our VEC, has elected to honor the misprinted price to save on any hassles. But only for this event!!

The club still needs someone to do code practice. Everyone who ~~always~~ complains that the CW requirement should remain as a requirement for licensing should help teach the class. With no interest, some day they may have no requirement at all. Maybe one of our CW DX wizards should try pitching in.

This year Field Day will be before the club meeting at the end of June. Brian, K9LCQ, our Field Day Chairman again this year, would like to see if we can make more points than we did last year. This of course will require more operators and aggressive operating practices. The 91 repeater group has suggested a friendly competition to see which group can make the most contacts. Last year we made about 1500 points. We will need 2 meter and 6 meter operators. We will try 2 and 6 meter SSB this year.

Remember that the club news letter will come out every 6 weeks this year. This means that the Chatter will not give you advanced notice of the meeting every month. All meeting dates for the year are listed in every Chatter.

Warren, K9IZV, says the meeting attendance is 49.

Next month is nominations for three board directors. Pancho and John Merkil have indicated that they are interested in running again. Barb, KB9TIV, will not run again because she and Ken will be moving soon. She will be missed! Thank you for all your hard work, help on the Board, VE testing, the Chatter and numerous other things!!!

The May meeting will be election night and also the clubs annual auction night.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS!!!!!! The June club meeting will be at the Confederate Air Force hanger at Crites Field in Waukesha instead of the Church. Enter the airport at the gate on the southeast corner. One of our members will be at the gate to let you in. Use 146.52 simplex for talk-in. Or the clubs repeater.

Vern, W9RYA, reports that he has reserved the Machine Shed on I94 and J for the Christmas party. The party will be on Dec.2nd. Opens at 5:00, dinner at 6 and closes at 9PM.

Dave auctioned off more equipment donated to the club to help raise money. As usual his methods were very entertaining.

Dave presented Jim, WB9LNU, with a special color version of the club history, signed by the board for his part in writing it. Jim thanked Dave also for his efforts in formatting it, adding more information and pictures, which really made it special.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:30.

The program for the evening was on weather spotters. By Skip Voros, WD9HAS. Skip had a very interesting presentation that was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

MRAC Club Meeting

4/26/2001

The meeting was called to order at 7:10.

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.

Treasurers report -- \$3,470.05 in total liquid assets plus the club CD.

The mic was passed for all to ID.

Dave, WB9BWP, our president, introduced several new club members. They have successfully passed their test after taking one of the club classes. Dave reports that 10 people are taking the clubs general class. Special thanks went to Ken, KS4NX, for teaching and helping with the Tech class.

Notice to all members, the May club meeting will be the annual club auction night. All members are welcome to sell their gear at the auction or donate equipment to the club for sale at the auction.

Club ID Badges -- All new club badges will come in the form of a business card. The card will show that you are a paid up member. A new badge will be issued every year. A fancy plastic badge is available via special order from Capitol Engraving. Each member must place their own order with Capitol Engraving. A special MRAC badge design is on file with the company, you must give them your personal information and pay via credit card. Capitol Engraving can be found in QST. Further information is also in the club Chatter.

The club history is now available in color via the club web site. It's 15 pages long. A black and white copy is available through John Merkl, WB9PSE, at the club meeting. It's interesting reading.

Classes -- The Tech Class is now complete. The General class is in progress. Code class is still not organized. Seems that although we have many members that use CW and are harbor the opinion that it should remain as a requirement of an amateur license, no one is interested in teaching the class. We are hoping to hear an informal cw practice between several members over the repeater, but nothing so far.

VEC report -- John, KF9XL, says there will be testing at AES on May 26th. There also will be testing during the summer except in June and August.

Club Christmas party -- We need a volunteer to organize all the small details of the party. Food selection and gifts etc: Special thanks to Verne, W9RYA, for organizing the location for us again this year.

Repeater Committee -- The club needs a replacement on the committee for Ken, KS4NX, who has moved out of state. Contact Jerry, WA9CGE if you are interested. The committee must decide on the future of the repeater. In 2004 it may have to be moved again due to the building it is in will be vacated. Also a plan must be devised to improve use of the repeater and possible additions such as another receive site with uhf link to improve coverage.

The club election for 3 director positions will be at the May meeting. John Merkl, WB9PSE, and Pancho, KA9OFA, are running again unopposed. Tom, KB9RLB, is running for the third position. Since there are only three people running for three positions, the election will be more of a conformation of the positions by the membership.

Field Day -- Brian, K9LCQ, reminds everyone that June 23 and 24 is Field Day. Food will be provided by the club. Saturday is also the club picnic day.

Ken, KS4NX and Barb, KB9TIV, donated some gear to the club for auction. They will be missed. They have moved to Alabama.

Dave, our president, asked all members to look through their photo's and find one of themselves at their radio or on their tower or Field Day and let Dave borrow it so he can put it in digital form for future club literature.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

The program for the evening was on satellites and the equipment necessary to work them by Gary, N9UUR.

Also special thanks to our kitchen crew and raffle crew.

MRAC Club Meeting

5/31/2001

The previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.
No Treasurers report due to Les being on vacation.

The mic was passed for all to I.D.

Tonights meeting is the annual meeting for election of 3 Directors and also the clubs annual auction night. Also a sample roster was passed out for the members present to check it for accuracy.

Matt Planning's code practice will hopefully start soon. It will be a round table format. Which means that you must have some basic sending ability to participate. You can always just listen and try to copy what is being sent by others. Dick WB9PTC, says he will try to help also whenever he feels O.K.

Brian, K9LCQ, says that most every thing is ready for Field Day. Don't forget it's also club picnic day on Saturday June 23ed., at the Field Day site.

The membership confirmed the three Directors that ran for election. Pancho, KA9OFA
John, WB9PSE and Tom, KB9RLB.

Business meeting adjourned at 7:35, so the auction could commence. As usual Dave was our auctioneer and did an outstanding job. He was very entertaining in the process. Kept us laughing all the time! Thanks Dave.

Thanks again to our kitchen crew for your special effort every month!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

Treasurers report -- \$3,354.74 in total liquid assets.

No minutes were read due to the absence of the secretary at the previous meeting.

The mic was passed for all to I.D.

The program for the meeting was delivered first by Matt, KB9PRC, on the damage to the repeater and the proper use of a lightning arrester.

Dave, WB9Bwp auctioned off several very nice pieces of equipment donated by Bill Fullhart, W9WCF. Bill donated a new Radio Shack 10 meter radio and a MFJ antenna tuner and several HeathKit pieces of test equipment. Dave decided that the 10 meter radio will be given away through a special lottery. There will be 150 tickets made for \$1.00 a piece. When all 150 tickets are sold, the lucky winner will be drawn from the barrel.

Dave has added an extra space to the sign up sheet for members to list what special committee they would be interested in. Such as Field Day, a club generated contest, repeater, kitchen duties etc:

VEC report -- Tom, KF9PU, explained what a VEC does. For our members information, Tom does the electronic filing and John, KF9XL, does the on site testing and all of its coordination. Including getting the volunteer VE's to report to the various testing sessions.

Tom reports that at the NCVEC conference this year, they are working on the new extra class question pool and adding extra questions on digital and operating courtesy. He also says that the world radio conference in 2003 might drop the CW requirement but the FCC may not drop the requirement in the U.S. Also be sure to use your ULS number when communicating with the FCC or you will get nowhere. If you don't have a ULS number you can get one over the FCC web site.

Code testing will soon have a uniform standard across the U.S. Audio tone frequency and character speed. Special accommodations can still be made for the handicapped at the discretion of the VEC no the VE.

The video taken by Roger, W9UVV, was shown; of Field Day 2001.

Dave presented certificates of achievement to Brian W9LCQ, Jerry WA9CGE, John WB9PSE, Sarah KB9ZNC, Mark AB9CD and Jim WB9LNU for all the hard work they have done

Meeting adjourned at 9:37. Thanks to our raffle and kitchen crew!

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved as written.

Treasurers report -- As of 9/15/2001 total liquid assets \$3,423.91.

The mic was passed for all to I.D.

VEC report - Tom, KF9PU, says the FCC will require all amateurs to file for a CORES number by Dec. 3ed. You can do so via the FCC web site, FCC.gov/wtb/uls. Or you can write to them or even call. Tom, KF9PU, also thanked Tom, KG9EE for volunteering to help John as a back up VEC at the testing sites.

Dave, our president, said that he will try to organize an extra class school session prior to the FCC's new question pool which comes out in July, 2002.

Pat Morette, W9UQ, says that the Tech class, now in session, is going well.

CW - note that at least two of the club members have been practicing over the air. Anyone is welcome to join in! Some of our regular cw boys should join in and send to them for awhile. Members are meeting on the repeater using their 2 meter rig and a cw oscillator.

The club has started selling \$1.00 ticket for the 10 meter radio and antenna prize. You can buy 6 tickets for \$5.00. The lucky winner will be picked at the club Christmas party. You do not have to be present to win!

The club will have a table at the 91 swap meet. We need a volunteer to man the table first thing in the morning. Several people have volunteered to take over later.

Dave, WB9BWP, explained the revisions to the club By-Laws which were given out two months ago to anyone interested. Pancho, KA9OFA, made a motion that we accept the new By-Laws as written and that the membership vote for their acceptance. The vote was unanimous to accept them as written. The new laws eliminate the position of 2ed VP and one director position. All other additions pertain to everything the club spends money on.

Dave was reminded that the club's 85th anniversary is coming. Does anyone want to write to QST and formulate a special operating day on behalf of the club. Members could represent the club by using the club call for the event, but operate from their home station. The only rule will be that you can not use frequencies outside your license class due to the fact that Jim, WB9LNU, the club license trustee, is not in your shack while you are operating. More discussion on this at the next club meeting.

December 2ed is the Club Christmas Party. Order your tickets today!! The order blank is in the Chatter. The location is the Machine Shed on highway J and I-94. Time is 5:00 to start QRM and 6:00 to eat. Cost is \$17.50 per person. Send your money to the club P.O. box only, please!

This years membership renewals must be accompanied by the proper form. Some member last year gave cash to our treasurer assuming he knew who they were and they were not recorded.

The club received a request in a non timely manner to provide a demonstration at Polaske H.S. for the Boy Scouts on amateur radio. They want a demo on HF radio and other modes. If you are interested see Dave for more information.

Dave auctioned off a key and two meter AM radio for the club. Made another \$47.00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Thanks to our raffle and kitchen crews for their usual very good work.

The evening program was a video on the new Kenwood 2000 and two video's on proper soldering techniques.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.

Treasurers report -- \$ 3713.76 in total liquid assets as of 10/15/2001.

The mic was passed for all to I.D.

Dave, WB9BWP, our president, informed the membership that the Board authorized the payment for a new wireless mic for the Church upstairs at a cost of \$ 105.00. This donation was made in thanks for the use of the church hall. It has been a tradition of the club over the last 7 years to do something like this to help out the church since they do not charge us for the use of the all.

Jerry, WA9CGE, purchased a book made by the Milwaukee Public Library; it had MRAC's Chatters over a 15 to 20 period. The club donated a copy of the Chatter for many years and the library decided to bind them into a book.

The club will be having a Special Event station for our 85 birthday. Tom, KB9RLB, has volunteered to organize the event. More info will be in the Chatter. It will be on March 16th. Club members will be able to operate from their homes using the W9RH call, but only within your class of license privileges. Those with a Tech license could arrange to be with someone who has an Extra class license and then operate with full privileges.

Dave; all members, please don't forget the 10 meter radio raffle. We are trying to sell 150 tickets. The money will be used for the club. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

VEC report -- Tom, KF9PU, one of our VEC's, says that the FCC definitely wants all amateurs the request a CORES number ASAP. This number will be required when dealing with the FCC for license renewals etc: Also your date of birth will be required as additional information in the near future. Mark, AB9CD, has volunteered to help Tom, KF9PU, with the electronic filing to the FCC. Thank you Mark!!!

Classes -- The club will put on and Extra class maybe in mid February. Dave passed a sign-up sheet around for members to sign up. This will give us and idea of how many would like to attend.

Dick, WB9PTC, will continue to teach CW class over the air. Mark, AB9CD, and Matt, KB9PRC, are using the repeater to send back and forth using a code oscillator and a rubber band on their mic button to send informal code to each other. All are welcome to join in.

The November club meeting will be after Thanksgiving on November 29th.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Dave auctioned off a Heathkit oscillator, an Eico unit and a AC volt meter donated by Roger, W9UVV. The auction brought in \$ 80.00.

The evening program was by Matt, KB9PRC. Matt showed us some antenna's that could be used along with a 315 mhz. receiver to locate auto remote door openers activated by people that are buried in rubble like the World Trade Center. The November meeting will have a discussion on a simple 315 mhz. receiver and further info on antenna's.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.

Treasurers report - \$ 4193.06 total liquid assets plus the CD and VEC fund. Also, we eliminated the clubs money market acct. and put the money into the regular checking acct.

Vern, W9RYA, questioned why we eliminated the money market acct. Dave, our president, explained that if we wanted to use the money in the money market acct. , it would cost the club \$22.00 because of the minimum amount required to have the acct. leaving us with two chooses, either add more money to the money market acct or eliminate it. The board decided to eliminate it. It is the boards responsibility to handle to money mater on behalf of the members of the club!

The mic was passed for all to I.D.

Dave, WB9BWP, reports that we are almost \$ 500.00 in the black with our new budget for 2001. We should have the final budget figures by the January meeting.

Tom, KB9RLB, will be the chairman of the 85th birthday special operating event for the club. The event will start at 6PM March 16th and go for 24 hours. All bands will be used along with the W9RH call. Operators will operate from their homes within their class of license but use the clubs call letters. Tom has a sign up sheet prepared. He will have more info at the January and February meetings.

Dave says the FCC is not responding to mail due to 9/11. If you need to renew your license or something, do it electronically.

The club will be at the West Allis swap fest and at AES superfest.

In January we will be looking for members to be in a nominating committee to find new officers and directors for the May elections. All the officers and 2 directors will need to be elected. Don't like the way the club is being run.. Now is your chance! Dave sent a sign up form around during the meeting to sign up for the various committees. Example; Field Day, education board, election committee, repeater, kitchen crew.

The clubs new EXTRA class will start maybe in February. It will run for 8 weeks. Watch the Chatter for details.

Repeater - Mark, AB9CD, the club repeater amp has a harmonic on 146.31. The amp is off until the problem is found.

Dick, WB9PTC, needs help with the weekly CW class he does over the air. Where are all those guys that don't want the FCC to eliminate CW from testing? We need more CW teachers.

Dave auction off more equipment at the meeting and generated another \$ 30. And as usual, he was very entertaining. Special thanks to all the members who have been so generous this year with their donations.

Business meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary